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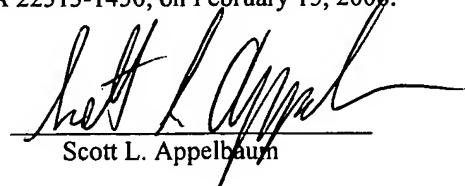
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as set forth below.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate (Small Entity)	Addit. Fee	Rate	Addit. Fee
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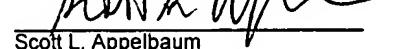
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